

## **Crop Insurance News**

### **Decision Time for Field Corn Crop Insurance**

Remember how the corn looked last summer? September was a generous month. Instead of trusting to luck, take charge of your corn growing risks and give crop insurance a hard look this month.

March 15, 2005, is the official Sales Closing Date for 'Field Corn-APH', 'Corn-Crop Revenue Coverage', and 'Fresh Market Sweet Corn' crop insurance coverage in New Hampshire. The Sales Closing Date is the – no later than-day when insurance applications must be completed and signed.

Corn-APH (Actual Production History) coverage is one of the most used crop insurance products in New Hampshire, with many thousands of acres insured in recent years. Here are a few details:

- \* Insurable.com includes field corn planted for harvest as grain or silage. Some varieties are excluded from coverage.
- \* It insures for losses caused by Adverse Weather Conditions (natural perils such as hail, frost, drought and excessive precipitation), Insect & Plant Disease (not due to insufficient/improper pest control measures), Wildlife and Fire.
- \* Your bushel per acre guarantee depends on the coverage level you choose. Coverage levels range from 50 to 75 percent of your average Actual Production History (APH).

For more details on 'Corn-APH', other corn and crop insurance opportunities, farmers should contact a local crop insurance agent. For a list of crop insurance agents farmers may contact their local USDA Farm Service Agency office or log on to the RMA web-site at: <http://www3.ma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>